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(KISSINGER)

CAIRO (UPI)--U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER, TRYING TO MEDIATE A MIDDLE FAST SETTLEMENT, ARRIVED TUESDAY FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT OF HIS VISITS TO FIVE ARAB NATIONS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS INSISTING HE IS CARRYING NO SPECIFIC PLAN FOR PEACE.

KISSINGER IS NOT "HUCKSTERING" ANY SPECIFIC PLAN ON HIS WHIRLWIND JOURNEY THROUGH THE MIDDLE EAST, NOR IS HE "FLOATING ANY PLAN" AT ALL, STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID.

KISSINGER HELD TALKS WITH PRESIDENT HABIB BOURGUIBA OF TUNISIA TUESDAY EVENING AFTER FLYING FROM RABAT, WHERE HE HAD "USEFUL" TALKS WITH KING HASSAN II OF MOROCCO.

HE SAID HIS TALKS WITH HASSAN GAVE HIM "GREATER DETERMINATION AND I HOPE GREATER COURAGE TO CONTRIBUTE TO A PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT IS JUST TO ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE REGION."

AFTER A TWO-HOUR STOPOVER IN TUNIS, HE FLEW TO CAIRO AND DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT OF EGYPT.

U.S. OFFICIALS SAID KISSINGER WANTS TO SOLIDIFY THE CEASE-FIRE TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD A PERMANENT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE TWO GOALS, THE OFFICIALS SAID, ARE "HARD TO SEPARATE."
BUT THE OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT KISSINGER DOES NOT HAVE AN
"AMERICAN-MADE" PEACE FORMULA AND IS NOT PUSHING ANYONE ELSE'S PLAN.
HE BELIEVES THAT BOTH SIDES OF THE CONFLICT MUST FORMULATE THEIR OWN
IDEAS.

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